

**DOCTOR WHO  
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THE GREATEST SHOW IN THE GALAXY**

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# Five...four...three...two...one... blast off!

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AMERICAN astronauts aren't the only earthlings to have been to the moon, as you can see on *Boxpops* (Sunday 11.15am BBC2).

Producer Roy Milani and his team searched through hundreds of hours of videotape on anything to do with space and came up with some classics of fact and fun.

As well as Yuri Gagarin's first space flight and Neil Armstrong's historic step on to the moon, there's space comedy and such extraterrestrial pop as Bowie's *Space Oddity*, *Walking on the Moon* by the Police and *Star Trekkin*.

Says Roy: 'Some of the factual clips seem more like fiction. There's a 1960s interview with a man who claims to have seen UFOs and met aliens who gave him pancakes.'

What would all the Doctor Whos make of that? They're in the show, and there's also a sequence from the recent serial on Children's BBC, *Aliens in the Family*. Linking together the clips are children on a trip to London's Science Museum.

*Boxpops* collects together events, programmes and music seen on the 'box' over the years. Future shows will deal with winners and losers, romance, cops and robbers, food, kings and queens, and dance.

● They caught a glimpse of him last week – now the children in *The Chronicles of Narnia* actually have the opportunity to talk to Aslan (Sunday 5.45pm BBC1).

● If you could see like the animals (or birds, or insects) ... That's what *Supersense* (Monday 8.30pm BBC1) is all about, from how dragonflies see the world to the lion's-eye view of the wildebeest it's hunting.

● In Tuesday's *Simon and the Witch* (Monday 4.40pm, Tuesday 4.20pm BBC1), Michael Fish finds a weather spell he wasn't expecting.

● *Doctor Who* fans will say that it's *The Greatest Show in the Galaxy* – it's also the title of the new adventure that the Doctor and Ace start on Wednesday (7.35pm BBC1).

● Friday's *Satellite Show* (4.30pm BBC1) has a treat for *Neighbours* fans: Craig McLachlan, who plays Henry, will be showing viewers around the set of the series.

● Britain's 1988 Olympic gold medal winners will be visiting the *Record Breakers* studio on Friday (5.05pm BBC1).

Space sights (clockwise from top left): moon walking; Sting; Tintin; flying saucer?; 'Discovery'; Doctor number one; Yuri Gagarin; Bleep and Booster; 'alien' Bond (centre)





*The Doctor (Sylvester McCoy) discovers mysterious forces at work on Segonax. Will the stallslady (Peggy Mount) help him?*

**BBC1, 7.35pm Doctor Who**

**7.35-8.00pm**

## **Doctor Who**

starring **Sylvester McCoy**.

*The Greatest Show  
in the Galaxy*

by **STEPHEN WYATT**.

First of a four-part adventure.

What do the Psychic Circus,  
a buried robot and an  
abandoned hippie bus have  
in common? The Doctor and  
Ace are about to find out.

Ringmaster .....**RICCO ROSS**

The Doctor **.SYLVESTER MCCOY**

Ace .....**SOPHIE ALDRED**

Nord .....**DANIEL PEACOCK**

Chief clown ...**IAN REDDINGTON**

Bellboy ....**CHRISTOPHER GUARD**

Flowerchild.....**DEE SADLER**

Stallslady.....**PEGGY MOUNT**

Captain .....**T. P. MCKENNA**

Mags.....**JESSICA MARTIN**

Whizzkid.....**GIAN SAMMARCO**

Bus conductor

**DEAN HOLLINGSWORTH**

Morgana .....**DEBORAH MANSHIP**

Theme music composed

by **RON GRAINER**

Incidental music **MARK AYRES**


Costume designer **ROSALIND EBBUTT**

Script editor **ANDREW CARTMEL**

Designer **DAVID LASKEY**

Producer **JOHN NATHAN-TURNER**

Director **ALAN WAREING**

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**7.35pm**

# **Doctor Who**


starring **Sylvester McCoy**  
in *The Greatest Show  
in the Galaxy*.

Second of a four-part  
adventure by **STEPHEN WYATT**.  
Ace thinks clowns are creepy  
... and she's right.

Captain.....**T.P. MCKENNA**  
Mags.....**JESSICA MARTIN**  
Ringmaster .....**RICCO ROSS**  
Bellboy....**CHRISTOPHER GUARD**  
The Doctor .**SYLVESTER MCCOY**  
Ace .....**SOPHIE ALDRED**  
Chief clown...**IAN REDDINGTON**  
Morgana.....**DEBORAH MANSHIP**  
Bus conductor

**DEAN HOLLINGSWORTH**

Mum .....**JANET HARGREAVES**  
Dad .....**DAVID ASHFORD**  
Little girl ....**KATHRYN LUDLOW**  
Nord .....**DANIEL PEACOCK**  
Deadbeat .....**CHRIS JURY**  
Whizzkid.....**GIAN SAMMARCO**  
Incidental music **MARK AYRES**  
Make-up designer **DENISE BARON**  
Script editor **ANDREW CARTMEL**  
Designer **DAVID LASKEY**  
Producer **JOHN NATHAN-TURNER**  
Director **ALAN WAREING**

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**7.40pm**

# **Doctor Who**

starring

**Sylvester McCoy.**

in *The Greatest Show  
in the Galaxy.*

Part three of a four-part  
adventure

by STEPHEN WYATT.

The Doctor and Ace are  
trapped in the Psychic  
Circus battling robot clowns,  
forces of ancient evil and  
the most boring human  
being within three million  
light years.

Visual effects designer

STEVE BOWMAN

(For cast see page 68)



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**New from BBC Videos**

**Doctor Who in**

**The Terror of the Zygons and  
The Talons of Wang Chiang**  
price £9.99

**7.35-8.00pm**

# **Doctor Who**

starring **Sylvester McCoy**  
in *The Greatest Show  
in the Galaxy*.

Last of a four-part adventure  
by **STEPHEN WYATT**.

The show continues with that  
Old Devil Moon effect.

Mags .....**JESSICA MARTIN**

The Doctor..**SYLVESTER MCCOY**

Captain .....**T.P. MCKENNA**

Ringmaster.....**RICCO ROSS**

Dad .....**DAVID ASHFORD**

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Stallslady .....**PEGGY MOUNT**

Incidental music **MARK AYRES**

Lighting **DON BABBAGE**

Script editor **ANDREW CARTMEL**

Designer **DAVID LASKEY**

Producer **JOHN NATHAN-TURNER**

Director **ALAN WAREING**



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